REMARKS

Claims 1-28, 32-34, and 37-42 are pending. Claims 25 and 26 have been withdrawn from consideration, Claims 27 and 28 have been allowed and Claims 1-24, 32-34, and 37-42 have been rejected. By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 8 are amended. Claims 2, 3, 33, 34, 41, and 42 have been cancelled without prejudice. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification. In particular, support may be found in original Claims 1-3 and in page 7, lines 16-23, through page 10, lines 13-24. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative during the telephonic interview of July 17, 2003. Applicants submit that the following is an accurate representation of the matters discussed during the personal interview.

Claims 1-24, 32-35, and 37-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In particular, Claims 1 and 42 have been rejected. Applicants have amended Claim 1 to remove the "does not present a revolution axis" language. Additionally, the "shape as close as possible to a predetermined final form" language has been removed from Claim 1. Finally, Claim 42 has been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, as agreed during the telephonic interview, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn in view of the amendments made to Claim 1 and the cancellation of Claim 42.

Claims 1-8, 33, 34, 41, and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the Strassheimer patent (U.S. Patent No. 4,785,948). As discussed during the telephonic interview, the amendments made to the claims remove

Strassheimer as a relevant reference as Strassheimer does not teach or suggest the claimed opening in the device. Therefore, it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn, as agreed during the telephonic interview, in view of the amendments made to the claims.

The Office Action was sent to the address of the Applicants' former attorneys.

Therefore, a copy of the Power of Attorney and Change of Address filed on November

21, 2002 is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of Claims and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

If this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper,

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may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 024118-00012.

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